

20. (Amended) The optical interleaver of claim 18 wherein:
said step of employing said optical element for transmitting said optical beams
therethrough is a step of employing said optical element with at least two portions of different
diffraction indexes for transmitting said beams through.
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In the Drawings:

Enclosed is one sheet of an amended drawing for the application with changes indicated
in red.

The Examiner requested that certain items in Figures 1-3 be labeled. Applicant has
amended Figures 1-3 to include the changes requested by the Examiner.

Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced and requests approval of the amended
drawings.